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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Mark G. Crawford; Steven E. Pryor and Alfred D. Commins

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Group No.: 3635

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For: Screw Fastener in Multiple Floor Truss and Wood-to-Wood Shear Connection

Mail Stop RCE

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PETITION TO CLAIM BENEFIT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120, 121, OR 365(C) OF A PRIOR
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(37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3))

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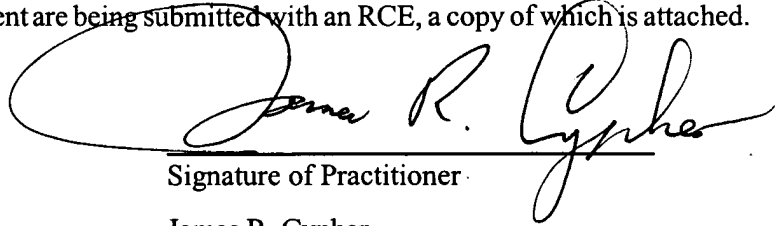
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